

NC Aeronautics Council Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2009
10:30 A.M.
Raleigh, NC

The June 16, 2009 Aeronautics Council meeting was called to order by Chairman Dudley Humphrey at 10:30 a.m. at the Division of Aviation office in Raleigh, NC.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Dudley Humphrey, Chairman
David Barker
Melvin Daniels, Jr.
Jack Dellinger
Carter Keller
Joe Randall
Larry Wagner
Jay Wyatt
Steve Zaytoun

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Brian Campbell
Tom Comerford
Cress Horne
Henry Isaacson
M.W. Mullinix, Sr.
Doreen Richter

AVIATION STAFF PRESENT

Ted Alman
Rick Barkes
Chastity Clark
Phil Lanier
Steve Merritt
Shirley Pearce-Rowley
Nancy Seigler
Dave Thomas
Dion Viveni
Bobby Walston

NCDOT

Jim Westmoreland, Deputy Secretary For Transit
Jim Trogdon, Chief Operating Officer
Jerry Higgins, Public Information
Katie Warner, NCDOT Photographer

GUESTS

Richard Walls, Director of Aviation (Effective June 26, 2009)

Scott Hinton, Manager, Currituck Regional Airport

Wayne Leary, Retired – Currituck Regional Airport Director

Bill Reese, Lincolnton

Bob Foyle, PE, Associate Director, ITRE

Daniel Findley, ITRE

Duane Damiani, Manager, Corporate Sales, Honda Aircraft Company,
Greensboro, NC

Peter Bishop, Currituck

Mark Kuttrus, Consultant, Wilbur Smith

Chairman Humphrey called the meeting to order. He welcomed all Council members, staff and guests.

Chairman Humphrey introduced Jim Westmoreland, Deputy Secretary for Transit. Mr. Westmoreland spoke briefly, thanked and commended Rick Barks for his leadership and efforts in helping him with issues pertaining to aviation and the search for a new aviation director. He also thanked the Council members for their feedback on the characteristics that they were looking for in the next appointed aviation director.

Deputy Secretary Westmoreland introduced Mr. Richard Walls, newly appointed Director for the Division of Aviation. He gave a brief background on Mr. Walls and spoke kindly of Mr. Walls' passion for aviation. Deputy Secretary Westmoreland asked Mr. Walls if he would speak briefly to the Council, staff and guests.

Mr. Walls spoke briefly expressing his excitement and passion for aviation and looks forward to working with the aviation staff. His first official day at the aviation office will be Monday, June 29th.

Deputy Secretary Westmoreland introduced Mr. Jim Trogdon, Chief Operating Officer for NCDOT. Mr. Trogdon spoke briefly on a number of issues. He spoke of how important it is to build a partnership with all of DOT, including the Division of Aviation and the Department of Commerce. He talked about the reduced amount in revenue as a result of the economy. Each year there has been a reduction in the revenue amounts, mostly as a result of less auto sales, the reduction of sales tax and reduction of motor fuel tax. He stated they are working on several initiatives across the department. He stated they would be changing the TIP program over to a 10 year long range, and then a five year delivery transportation work plan is being discussed. This will allow the NCDOT to better measure its overall performance.

Approval of Minutes

Motion for approval of the minutes was made and seconded. The Council unanimously approved the minutes for the March 17th meeting held in Raleigh at the Division of Aviation office.

Chairman Humphrey shared with the council members, DOA staff and Jim Westmoreland an invitation he received from Mr. Thomas McKim in Winston-Salem, Smith Reynolds Airport Authority, offering to host the council meeting in September if the economy and budget issue wasn't a cause for disapproval.

Chairman Humphrey asked for a motion to have the meeting in Winston-Salem approved. The motion was made, seconded and the Council accepted the invitation to hold the September meeting at Smith Reynolds Airport, subject to the availability of funds in the budget that is to be adopted by the General Assembly. Approval to hold this meeting will be confirmed at a later date.

Old Business

Rick Barkes reported and provided the Council, staff and guest with the following items:

- **NCBOT – TRFA & Aviation Subcommittee Meeting Reports**
 - **May BOT Committee Report Topics**
 - ✓ **30th Annual NCAA Conference April 28-May 1st** - The North Carolina Airports Association had their 30th annual airports conference last week in Concord, NC. There were over 320 participants representing approximately 40 airports statewide. The conference covered a variety of topics and served to allow the FAA and NC DOT, Division of Aviation to conduct its quarterly block grant meeting covering a variety of issues associated with the block grant including earmarking, compliance, status of grants and DBE issues.
 - ✓ **Concord Wings Event** - The DOA participated in the Spring Wings Day Fly-In at the Concord Regional Airport (JQF) from 8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. on Saturday May 2nd. There were approximately 230 preregistered participants.
 - ✓ **ARRA Funding Update** - 1.1 Billion nationwide, 57.5 million for 3 states in the Atlanta Airports District office (NC, SC, GA), all have been committed by Atlanta ADO. North Carolina is receiving \$24,416,000 in discretionary grant money from the FAA for four airports: Asheville, Greenville, Greensboro and Raleigh/Durham.
 - ✓ **Halifax-Northampton Regional Airport Grand Opening May 13, 2009**-DOA staff and FAA participated in the grand opening event at the airport.

June BOT Committee Report Topics - Presented by Rick Barkes

- ✓ **An invitation was extended to the BOT members to attend the AC June 16th meeting.**
- ✓ **NextGen Update**
- ✓ **Ace Camp Update**
- ✓ **Operation Fly NC_-** It's a program designed to encourage general aviation pilots to visit 81 public use airports in North Carolina, tour NC Aviation Museums and participate in pilot training events. Officially, the mission is to promote tourism, flight proficiency and education

- **Small Community Air Service**
Ted Alman and Dave Thomas provided an update on the Small Community Air Service (SCAS) grant, On Demand Air Service and the recent action of Stanly County replacing Wilkes County who dropped out of the program. He explained the projects briefly to Deputy Secretary Jim Westmoreland.

- **Next Generation Air Transportation (NGAT) update**
Bob Foyle, Associate Director, Institute for Transportation Research & Education, (ITRE) provided an update on (NGAT) activities to the Council. Attached are copies on the information update.
 - 1) Pushing the FAA's NextGen System Forward in NC
 - 2) Division of Aviation looking to share knowledge of ADS-B air traffic control system. Partnership with ITRE was also explained.NGAT Center Proposal - Mr. Alman and Mr. Thomas at the February 17th meeting, briefed the Council concerning an NGAT group response and submission of a capability statement to a market survey for NEXTGEN Systems Engineering & Environmental (NSEE). This group would be comprised of the NEXTGEN Air Transportation Center at ITRE, other departments at NC State University, Elizabeth City State University, UNC-Pembroke, and NCDOT Division of Aviation.

- **Ace Camps**
Dave Thomas reported on the ACE Academy program. He provided an update on the four camp locations for this year, Greensboro, RDU, Charlotte and Elizabeth City State University. He reported the middle school camps will be held the week of June 15 and high school camps will began June 22 and end June 26.

- **Air Force One Museum**
Ted Alman updated the Council on the Air Force One Museum. He read a letter addressed to the Aeronautics Council members from the Founder & CEO of the Air Force One Museum Mr. Chuck Violette. The letter was to inform the Council that a decision had been made on the location. Air Force One Museum Board of Directors voted and the total was ten to two to accept the proposal offered by Chicago. Mr. Violette extended a very

appreciative thank you to the Aeronautics Council and the people of the Division of Aviation who worked so hard to make this a reality for the State of North Carolina. Mr. Westmoreland expressed his regret at the Air Force One Board's decision and stated the NCDOT was actively committed to the project.

- **Funding and Project Update**

The funding and project update was done in a Power Point Presentation by Rick Barkes. (copy attached) The budget issues were discussed also.

New Business – Upcoming Events

- **NASAO Annual Meeting** – The annual meeting will be held this year in Tucson Arizona September 12- 15, 2009.

FAA - Associate Director for Airports Nominee – Travis Vallin, Aviation Director for Colorado is a nominee for this position. He knows airports and State needs and would be a good person for the position. The position was formerly held by Kate Lang, and most recently Kirk Shaffer.

FAA Wildlife National Forum – John Weller (FAA) and Mike Bieger (USDA) have asked NC to possibly host a national conference on wildlife issues later this year because of our innovative state program and lead role in this safety concern for airports.

Southern Region State Directors Meeting – The meeting will be held in Florida July 15, 2009. This meeting is one of two face to face meetings held annually with FAA senior staff, NASAO, and Southern Region State Directors to ensure a productive, ongoing dialogue regarding the many challenges and issues confronting State Programs. Additionally this meeting will provide Director Walls the first opportunity to meet his counterparts in the nine southern Region States and also his first opportunity to meet with the FAA SR Airports Administrator-Doug Murphy, Atlanta ADO Staff and NASAO senior staff. A few topics that will be covered is the FAA reauthorization update, priorities of the new FAA Administrator, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act reporting requirements and deadlines, electronic ALP submittals and GIS initiative, special use airspace (Bulldog MOA and GRASI) and Individual State Updates

Asheville Airport Manager - Dave Edwards will be leaving the airport at the end of this month for a South Carolina airport. He is a former president of NCAA and has been very active in the North Carolina airports. The DOA, on behalf of the Aeronautics Council, presented him with a Capitan of First Flight Certification in appreciation for all his great work.

Hurricane Season Preparation – DOA has assigned staff to the Emergency Management Team (Ted Alman & Dion Viventi) and activated a communication and e-mail network for all the public owned/operated airports in the state.

USA Today Article – The DOA was contacted by staff reporter from USA Today seeking information on the history of our Block Grant Funding. It appears they are doing a national article on this program and talking to all Block Grant States. We provided requested information and await article.

- **NCAA Board Meeting** – The NCAA next Board of Directors meeting will be held at Piedmont Triad Airport on June 26, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. The DOA will be attending.

New Business

Project Recommendations

There were no projects recommendations for approval at this meeting.

Deputy Secretary Jim Westmoreland's Report

- Jim Westmoreland reported on the NCDOT Strategic Objectives '09 –'10 Implementation Reform Calendar.
Handdout (copy attached)

Duane Damiani, Manager, Corporate Sales, Honda Aircraft Company, Greensboro location spoke briefly and will be attending a future Council meeting to give a more detailed report on the HondaJet aircraft.

The July 21st meeting to be held in Raleigh was confirmed.

The Chair, Dudley Humphrey announced that he had informed the Governor's appointments office that he did not wish to be considered for reappointment and expected that his term would expire on June 30, 2009.

Adjournment of the June 16th meeting was 12:10 p.m.

Dudley Humphrey, Chairman

Date

Doreen Richter, Secretary

Date

